

Date: January 9, 2006
To: Federal Executive Board Members
From: Colonel Debra Cook, Chair
Re: 2006 Excellence in Government Awards

The year 2006 marks the five-year anniversary of the new millennium. The events of these first five years demonstrated once again that our Nation stands firm in its resolve to safeguard its people and its freedom. The Federal Community has played a significant role in this endeavor. From natural disaster relief, to protection of airports and waterways, to the Global War on Terrorism, our employees have led the way for the American people.

The 2006 Excellence in Government Award is one way to publicly acknowledge those individuals in your organization who have truly excelled in their service. These awards sponsored annually by the Greater St. Louis Federal Executive Board provide an opportunity to showcase the great contribution of our community, here in St. Louis and around the world.

Ten categories of awards are available to recognize individuals and teams. You will be able to quickly narrow that field down to those that pertain to your type of organization and further to those who meet your expectations for superlative performance. While many individuals are nominated for the exceptional work they have performed, the goal is to recognize "Excellence" in government service. It is possible for a category to have nominees but not an overall winner.

Nominations must be postmarked not later than Friday, March 3, 2006. The awards package contains the documents and instructions to help you prepare the nominations.

Winners of the 2006 Excellence in Government Award will be announced at a ceremony on May 3, 2006. Federal Executive Board members and award nominees receive invitations to the breakfast event that includes a guest speaker and award presentations. By sponsoring your nominees' attendance, you will further affirm your support for their outstanding accomplishments.

Please join me in recognizing federal employees who unselfishly serve our great Nation!

Enclosures

GREATER ST. LOUIS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006 Excellence in Government Awards Program

Purpose: this annual awards program recognizes outstanding military, postal, and federal civilian employees for their individual and team accomplishments both in the work place and the community at large.

Evaluation Period: Raters should focus on the nominee's contributions during calendar year 2005. However, some projects may encompass a longer time span, and in those cases the evaluation period can be extended particularly to allow the rater to fully discuss the impact of the individual or team activity.

Categories: Awards are presented in ten categories. Six of the awards are based on occupational descriptions. Each of these six categories includes an individual and a team award. If you are unsure which of the occupational categories best suits the nominee, please check with the Human Resource or Equal Employment Opportunity staff in your agency. Individual and team awards are given for diversity initiatives and community service. Two other awards are for individuals only: leadership and supervision.

ADMINISTRATIVE: occupations that involve the exercise of analytical ability, judgment, discretion, and personal responsibility, and application of a substantial body of knowledge of principles, concepts, and practices applicable to one or more fields of administration or management. These positions do not require specialized educational majors and typically follow a two-grade interval pattern through GS-11 and one-grade interval to GS-15.

TRADES AND CRAFTS: occupations that include the trades, crafts, and manual labor (unskilled, semi-skilled, or skilled), including foremen and supervisory positions entailing trade, craft or laboring experience and knowledge as the paramount requirement.

CLERICAL: occupations that require structured work in support of office, business, or fiscal operations performed in accordance with established policies, procedures, or techniques and requiring training, experience, or working knowledge related to the tasks to be performed. These jobs typically follow a one-grade interval pattern.

PUBLIC SAFETY: fire prevention, police, guard, and correctional worker are examples of the types of jobs considered as public safety.

PROFESSIONAL: require knowledge in a field of science or learning characteristically acquired through education or training equivalent to a bachelor's or higher degree with major study in or pertinent to the specialized field, as distinguished from general education. These occupations have a two-grade interval in the General Schedule and related grades through GS-11 and one-grade interval to GS-15.

TECHNICAL: work is typically associated with and supportive of a professional or administrative field, which is non-routine in nature and which involves extensive practical knowledge gained through on-the-job experience or specific training less than represented by college degree. These jobs have a one-grade interval pattern in all grades.

DIVERSITY: made significant contribution to advance all employees, to enhance diversity, and to support affirmative action. Not restricted to employees with EEO job or special emphasis collateral duties. May also recognize effort to overcome challenges presented by a disability to make a significant contribution.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: the contribution of time and talents to community betterment through volunteer work in civic or humanitarian activities.

LEADERSHIP: responsibility for oversight of employees above the first line supervisor level. Includes managers who are agency heads, commanders, special agents in charge, deputies, and assistants.

SUPERVISION: responsibility for oversight of employees at the first line supervisor level.

Criteria For Job Related Awards:

Discuss the individual or team job performance, citing examples that reflect:

- Accuracy
- Cooperation
- Customer service
- Dedication
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Quality
- Initiative
- Innovation
- Performance improvement
- Timeliness
- Other qualities related to the excellence of the nominee's work

Discuss the impact of the nominee's effort and contributions to:

- Agency mission and customers
- Other government agencies
- The general public

Identify awards, commendations, or other recognition received, in the past two years that support this nomination.

Criteria For Community Service Awards:

- Significant involvement in a professional, charitable, community service organization
- Specific contribution to the advancement of professional goals
- Specific contribution to enhancement of neighborhood, schools, community at large

Agency Level: 400 cut off. This number represents the total employment of the agency on the Greater St. Louis Federal Executive Board. The number should reflect employment in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

What To Submit:

Each nomination package must include the appropriate cover sheet for either an individual or a team.

The narrative nomination is limited to two typed pages using Arial 12 point. The narrative must be submitted in the enclosed format.

The package must include the original and one copy of the nomination.

Closing Date: Nominations must be **postmarked** by Friday, March 3, 2006.

Mail To:

Federal Executive Board
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St. Louis, MO 63103

Questions: Federal Executive Board staff at 314-539-6312

The Award Recipients will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on May 3, 2006.

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2006 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARDS PROGRAM**

**NOMINATION FORM
FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Award Category: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Title and Grade/Rank of Nominee: _____

Point of Contact and Phone Number: _____

Department or Agency: _____

Command/Installation/Office: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Agency Level:
(circle one)

I
(400 or less employees)

II
(400+ employees)

Name of Agency Head

Signature and Date

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**NOMINATION FORM
FOR TEAM OR GROUP AWARDS**

Award Category: _____

Team/Group Name: _____

For each team/group member list the following:

Name

Title

Grade/Rank

Name of individual who will accept the award and phone number (if a winner):

Point of Contact and Phone Number: _____

Department or Agency: _____

Command/Installation/Office: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Agency Level:
(circle one)

I
(400 or less employees)

II
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NOMINATION FORM

Narrative (Not to exceed two pages.)

Nominee _____

Award Category: _____

Background

Impact of the effort(s)

*Contributions to the agency and customers

Summary

*Note: For community service awards, the category will be contributions to the community.

